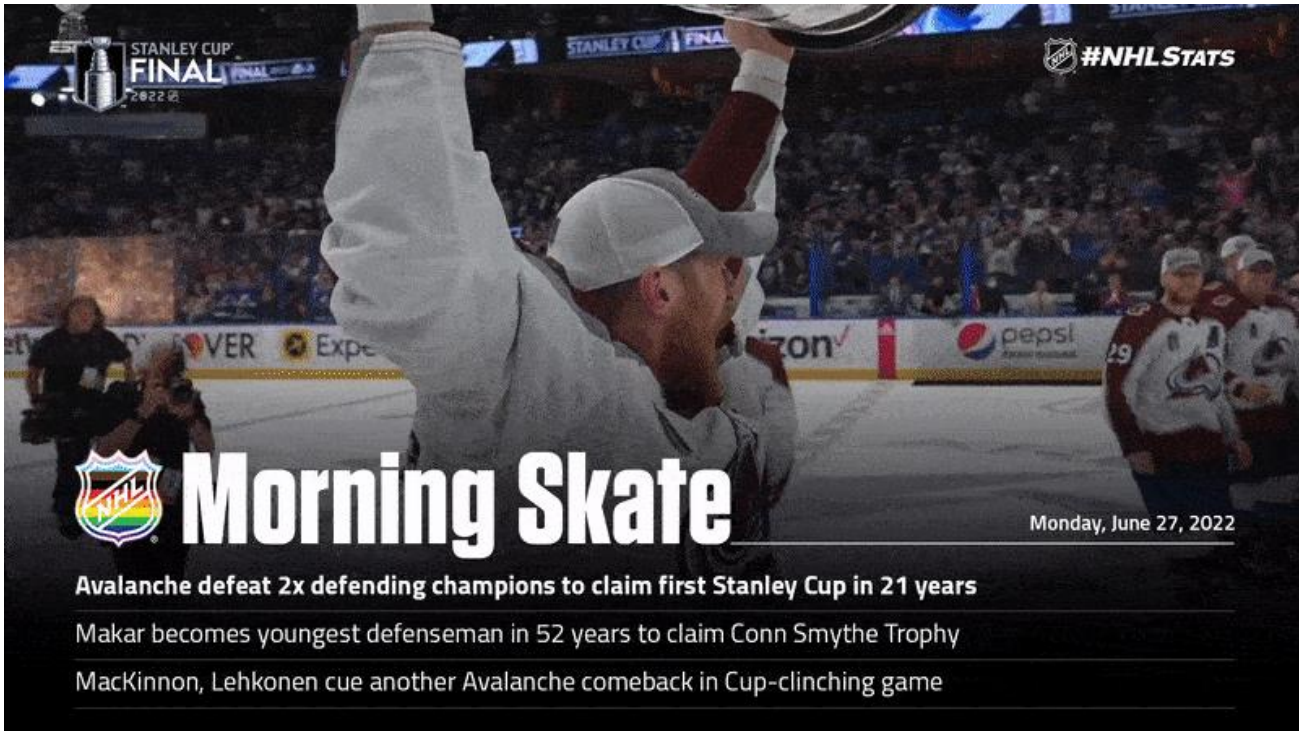


## NHL MORNING SKATE: STANLEY CUP FINAL EDITION – JUNE 27, 2022



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Avalanche defeat 2x defending champions to claim first Stanley Cup in 21 years

Makar becomes youngest defenseman in 52 years to claim Conn Smythe Trophy

MacKinnon, Lehtonen cue another Avalanche comeback in Cup-clinching game

\* For the first time in 21 years, the Colorado Avalanche are Stanley Cup champions as they staged yet another comeback win to defeat the two-time defending champion Tampa Bay Lightning in six games.

\* **Cale Makar** became the youngest defenseman in 52 years – since **Bobby Orr** in 1970 – to claim the Conn Smythe Trophy.

\* The Avalanche went 16-4 on their Cup run to finish with the second-fewest losses in a playoff year ([tied](#)) since the best-of-seven format was adopted for all rounds in 1987.

\* **Nathan MacKinnon** tallied 1-1—2 in Game 6 to lead his team to victory and pull into a share of the NHL lead with 13 goals in 2022 – tied for the second-highest total in one postseason in franchise history.

\* Acquired just ahead of the trade deadline and playing in his second straight Final against Tampa Bay, forward **Artturi Lehkonen** scored the Stanley Cup-clinching goal – after putting the club into the series with the Conference Finals clincher. He became the seventh player in NHL history to notch the series-clincher in the final-four and the Final in the same year.

\* More #NHLStats from the Cup-clinching Game 6 are available in [Live Updates](#), while a detailed look at Colorado's championship run is included [here](#).



### **AVALANCHE ON TOP OF HOCKEY WORLD ONCE AGAIN**

For the first time in 21 years and third in franchise history, the Avalanche are Stanley Cup champions after staging their NHL record-tying 10th comeback victory of the 2022 postseason to halt the Lightning's bid for a three-peat. Captain **Gabriel Landeskog** accepted the Cup – the fourth player born and trained outside North America to do so – and his first hand-off was to **Erik Johnson**, the longest-tenured member of the Avalanche's Cup-winning roster.



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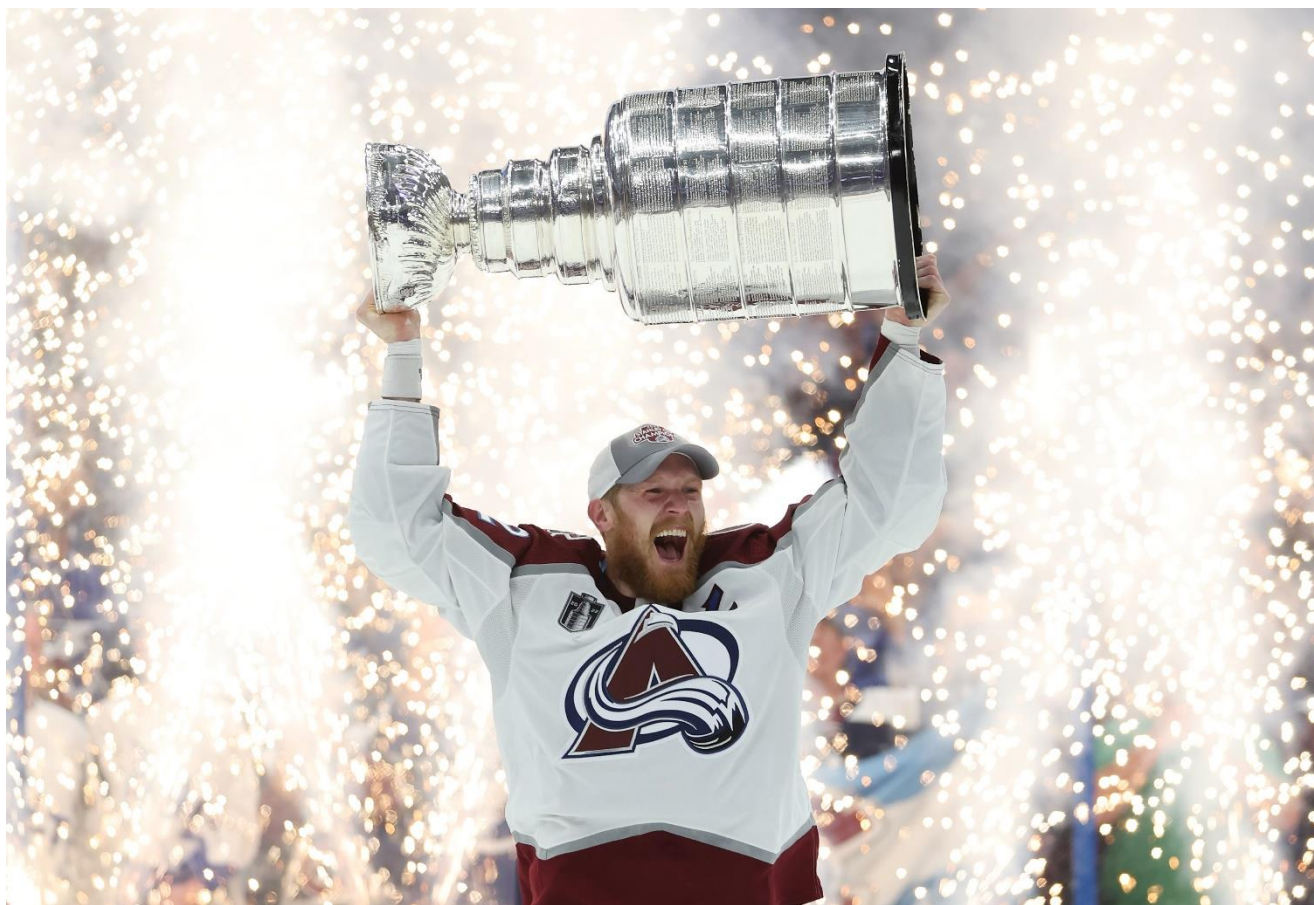
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\* The Avalanche became the sixth team to win a Cup with four or fewer postseason losses since 1987 when the best-of-seven format was adopted for all rounds.

\* The Avalanche concluded the postseason with a 9-1 record as visitors, tied for the fewest road losses by a Stanley Cup champion since 1987 – equaling the 2012 Kings and 1995 Devils, who each went 10-1 as visitors. The 2020 Lightning also went 10-1 in games where they were designated as the road team while playing in the neutral-site bubbles in Edmonton and Toronto.

\* While Colorado never trailed in a *series*, they became the first team in NHL history to claim four series-clinching victories via a comeback win.

### **CALE MAKAR NAMED PLAYOFF MVP AFTER RECORD-SETTING POSTSEASON**

After dazzling with his skill, wowing with his smooth skating and compiling more points in one playoff year than all but three defensemen in NHL history, Avalanche blueliner **Cale Makar** was named the 2022 Conn Smythe Trophy winner. Awarded to “the most valuable player to his team in the playoffs,” Makar was selected the winner in a vote by a panel of the Professional Hockey Writers Association.

\* Makar (23 years, 239 days) became the youngest defenseman in 52 years to win the Conn Smythe Trophy and third overall to do so at age 23 or younger, following **Bobby Orr** with the 1970 Bruins (22 years, 51 days) and **Serge Savard** with the 1969 Canadiens (23 years, 102 days).

\* Makar claimed the Conn Smythe Trophy five days after receiving his first Norris Trophy. He became the third player in NHL history to win both awards in the same season, following **Bobby Orr** in 1970 (age 22) and 1972 (age 24) along with **Nicklas Lidstrom** in 2002 (age 32).



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\* Check out the [#NHLStats Pack](#) on Makar's Conn Smythe Trophy win and record-setting playoff run.

**Cale Makar**  
#8 | DEFENSEMAN

# CONN SMYTHE TROPHY

Youngest defenseman to win since **Bobby Orr**, 52 years ago

3rd defenseman to win **Conn Smythe & Norris Trophy** in same season

6th defenseman in NHL history to be outright playoff **scoring leader** for a Stanley Cup champion

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### **SAKIC SECURES FIRST STANLEY CUP AS GENERAL MANAGER, THIRD OF NHL CAREER**

Twenty-six years after lifting his first Stanley Cup in the state of Florida, Avalanche general manager **Joe Sakic** hoisted the trophy for the third time and first as a GM. Wearing the “C” for each of Colorado’s previous titles, he is the first in League history to win a Cup with the same franchise as both a captain and general manager.

\* Sakic is the third individual in NHL history to win a championship as both a player and general manager *with the same franchise*. He joined **Serge Savard** of the Canadiens (player: 8; GM: 2) and **Milt Schmidt** of the Bruins (player: 2; GM: 2). In addition, **Lester Patrick** won the Cup as Rangers GM three times, including [in 1928](#) when he also tended goal for the club [under emergency circumstances in Game 2 of the Final](#).





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Joe Sakic became the fourth individual in the NHL's expansion era (since 1967-68) to win a Stanley Cup as both a player and general manager *with any team*, following Serge Savard (player: 8; GM: 2), Bob Gainey (player: 5; GM: 1) and Brian MacLellan (player: 1; GM: 1)



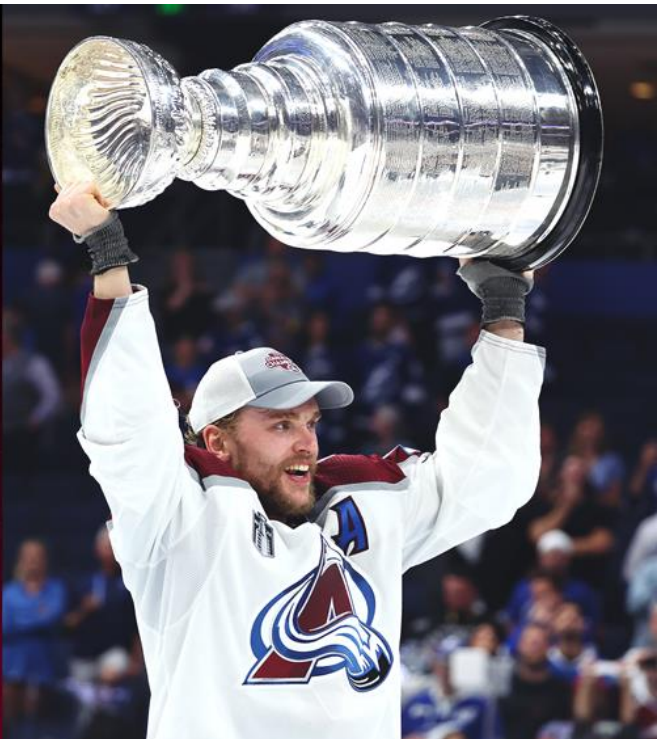
### **POWER PLAY PROPELS COLORADO THROUGHOUT POSTSEASON**

The Avalanche power-play scored at a 32.8% clip during their Cup run, the [highest rate on record](#) (since 1977-78) in one postseason by a team that played at least 20 games. Colorado went 20-for-61 with the man advantage, the fourth-most power-play goals in one postseason in [franchise history](#).



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Colorado converted on 42.3% of their power-play chances *on the road* in the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs, the 2nd-highest rate on record (since 1977-78; min. 10 road GP), *outdone only* by the 2019 Bruins who had a 44.1% success rate in 11 road games.



### **FROM WORST TO FIRST IN FIVE YEARS**

Colorado captured its championship five years after finishing last place in the League standings with



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only 48 points during the 2016-17 season (22-56-4) – among the 10 [lowest point totals](#) in an NHL season of 82 or more games. Avalanche veterans **Mikko Rantanen**, **Nathan MacKinnon**, **Gabriel Landeskog**, **Erik Johnson** and **J.T. Compher** all skated with Colorado during that campaign.

\* It was the second time the franchise has won a Cup within five years of a last-place finish, as the Quebec Nordiques ranked 21st in 1990-91 before the Avalanche lifted the trophy in 1995-96 (their first season in Denver). Overall, it has happened five times in the expansion era (since 1967-68).



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### LAST PLACE TO STANLEY CUP IN FIVE-YEAR SPAN

► NHL'S EXPANSION ERA (SINCE 1967-68)

FRANCHISE	LAST PLACE	CUP
COLORADO AVALANCHE	2016-17	2022
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS	2003-04	2009
CAROLINA HURRICANES	2002-03	2006
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING	1998-99	2004
COLORADO AVALANCHE	1990-91	1996

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#### **#NHLSTATS: AVALANCHE REACH MOUNTAINTOP ONCE AGAIN, WIN THIRD STANLEY CUP**

More stats and storylines on Colorado's 2022 Stanley Cup run are included in the [#NHLStats: Avalanche Reach Mountaintop Once Again, Win Third Stanley Cup in Franchise History](#) document, with a further sampling below:

\* **Mikko Rantanen**, **Nathan MacKinnon** and **Gabriel Landeskog** combined for 29-42-71 during the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs, while **Cale Makar** had a historic 29-point showing. Landeskog also became the fourth player in NHL history born and trained outside of North America to captain a Cup winner.

\* **Andrew Cogliano** and **Jack Johnson** joined a rare list of players in NHL history to win their first Cup after appearing in 1,000 career regular-season games. Fellow veteran **Erik Johnson**, who was selected with the No. 1 overall pick in the NHL Draft over 16 years ago, also captured his first championship.

\* **Darren Helm** and **Andre Burakovsky** won their second Stanley Cup, with Colorado becoming the 12th champions in the NHL's expansion era (since 1967-68) with two or fewer previous winners and fourth in the last five years.

\* **Nazem Kadri**, **Artturi Lehkonen** and **Valeri Nichushkin** combined for eight game-winning goals this postseason (including three series clinchers), while **Bowen Byram** concluded his first playoffs with a +15.



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#### **QUICK CLICKS**

- \* [Avalanche Stanley Cup handoff goes from \*\*Gabriel Landeskog\*\* to \*\*Erik Johnson\*\*](#)
- \* [How Avalanche won Stanley Cup](#)
- \* [Top moments of season for Stanley Cup champion Avalanche](#)
- \* [How Stanley Cup champion Colorado Avalanche were built](#)
- \* [Lightning full-time staff honored as Lightning Community Heroes](#)